

PENSION FRATERNALS ACCEPT REINSURANCE

Policyholders Name Directors, Who Sign Contract With Western Life of Chicago

ASSETS TOTAL \$130,000

Claims \$700,000—Members Must Agree to Plan or Lose All Premiums Paid

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 23.—Members of the Fraternal Order of the Pension Life Society, composed of the Order of Unity and the American Life Annuity, met in the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Building last night and elected a board of directors to enable the order to sign a contract with the Western Life Indemnity Company of Chicago, which yesterday took over the burden of the policies of the dissolved Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company. The affairs of the Pension Mutual company are in the hands of the Insurance Department of Pennsylvania.

A committee consisting of S. H. Nicholson and C. H. Fritch, of Pittsburgh; W. A. Nicholson, of Kittanning; E. P. Brownlee, of Washington, Pa.; and Dr. I. D. Kahle, of Knox, Pa., submitted a preliminary report whose general import was that \$130,000 covered the assets and if all claims were to be paid \$700,000 would be needed. The report was filed and the committee dismissed. During the discussion of the report it was declared that legal action might be necessary to determine the ownership of the building at 1901 Fifth avenue.

Attorney Stephen Stone showed the members that the constitution of the order dictated they must elect a board of directors at a January meeting. Discussion showed that a board must be elected to sign the agreement submitted by the Western Life Indemnity Company. The following were chosen to sign the contract:

Directors for one year, E. P. Brownlee, S. H. Nicholson; for two years, W. A. Nicholson, C. H. Fritch; for three years, John T. Reinsel, of Clarion; E. W. Bedell and George H. Burns, of Kittanning. The company, by its general agency manager, Jacob A. Mitchell, of Chicago, and the new directors, signed the agreement.

The Western Life Indemnity Company is an Illinois corporation, thirty-three years old, and has been admitted to Pennsylvania nineteen years.

The uncollected payments to the old company will be handled by the board of directors elected yesterday, after the State Insurance Department is done with its duty. Under the law no policyholder is obliged to go into the new company, but will lose the advantages offered by the Western Life Indemnity Company unless he does.

The State will distribute pro rata what it collects to pay on matured claims. Thomas R. Donaldson, special representative of the Insurance Department of the State, was present. He will forward the report of yesterday's meeting to Harrisburg.

BELT LINE RAILROAD VITAL TO PORT NEEDS

George E. Bartol, President of Bourse, Going to New Orleans to Study Improvements

The importance of improving the Philadelphia Belt Line Railroad as a means of developing the port of Philadelphia was emphasized today by George E. Bartol, president of the Philadelphia Bourse, who will go to New Orleans February 9 to make a ten-day study of the New Orleans belt line service.

"Improvement of our belt line, which has a belt line little more than in name, is vitally important to the port," said Mr. Bartol, who is chairman of the joint committee to foster commerce via Philadelphia. "The modern piers for which the city is spending millions of dollars cannot be utilized to their full capacity until we have a belt line which connects them with all the railroads entering the city and with all the industries of the city."

In his study of the New Orleans belt line, Mr. Bartol will be assisted by the Mayor of New Orleans and various municipal and railroad officials. In praising the Cyclopedia's series of popularly written articles on the port, Mr. Bartol said that they were good substitutes for educational tours of the water front. The average business man of the city has only vague ideas about the port's facilities for handling water-borne freight, he said.

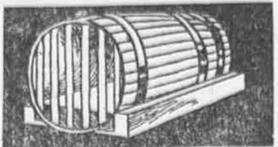
Food Price Probers Confer WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Attorney General Gregory, George W. Anderson, of Boston, and Frank M. Swacker, of New York, today conferred on the food-price situation, and discussed the advisability of further pursuing the special investigation of which Mr. Anderson has been in charge. While the Grand Jury investigation was conducted at several cities, the Federal investigators have had difficulty in definitely proving conspiracy among food and fuel men. Mr. Anderson believes the department can be of service from now on.

BUILDING UP EGG-LAYING STRAIN BY SIMPLE, INEXPENSIVE METHOD

Winter Layers Can Be Developed by Following Consistent Selective Program—Substitute for Tedious Trap-Nest System—Three Factors in Egg Yield

By the Poultry Editor

Building up an egg-laying strain is the ambition of all poultrymen, both the amateur who wishes to reduce the cost of living by having a dozen or so hens in a back-yard coop and the commercial dealer whose livelihood depends on activity among his hens. Each year there is a louder and more insistent call for better egg-laying strains, both from the gameteer and the farmer.



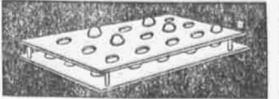
BARREL COOP

These will give a suggestion to the amateur who wants to keep a few hens in backyard at little initial expense.

Many poultrymen, however, let the "artistic" side of the matter in their breeding and are interested more in birds of the feather than in birds that are merely profitable. Of course, a deal of the error is unconscious, but it is only right for the breeder, amateur or otherwise, to give preliminary consideration to the future productivity of his birds. Show birds are all right to take cups and medals and ribbons, but they do not put a large sum to the credit side on the ledger.

A heavy egg-laying strain is a matter of evolution, and the agency is selective breeding. One of the foremost successful breeders of "fowl which lay" has developed a system by which he obtains birds which are eagerly sought by farmers and by amateurs who realize the importance of buying from egg-laying strains for family use.

His plan is to dispose of all surplus stock each fall, retaining only those birds which he can house comfortably without overcrowding the coops during the winter. The birds selected are divided into separate flocks, according to convenience, and



EGG TRAY IS HELPFUL

The egg tray is used to keep eggs in best condition pending marketing or home use. Eggs are put in butt end downward.

The hens and pullets are kept separate. During his first few years of experiment he used only three pens, but results were so good that he later increased to eight pens.

SELECTED PENS FOR BREEDING

When winter comes his pullets are ready for laying, while the hens that have been retained from the old lot have molted and, having acquired their new feathers, are ready for business. An egg record is kept, not of each hen and pullet of the separated pens and pullets, but of each pen. The pens of pullets and hens that have a star record during the usually light laying months of winter are selected to furnish the mothers for the breeding pens in spring.

With the record pullets are mated the best male stock in feather, build and character. If necessary, the cocks are bought outside. Such purchase is necessary when there is a blood relationship between the hens and roosters in the same plant. Male birds hatched from the eggs of hens having a yearly egg record of from 230 to 240 are chosen for breeding. Hens are mated with cockerels and pullets with roosters. Eggs from the breeding pens are sorted, and only the choicest in size and color are used for incubation.

By selection of the breeding fowl from hens that are record layers during the normally light laying winter months a strain of fine winter layers is produced. It has been a matter of this breeder's observation and experience that hens which do yoman service during December, January, February and early March are more than likely to lay in good quantity the remainder of the year. Furthermore, a good heavy winter laying strain is more profitable than any other, since eggs sell nowadays for so much more per dozen than in spring and summer. This is a very important con-

sideration, whether you are a buyer or a seller of eggs, whether you raise them for profit or for the family table.

The virtues of this system are that it is simple and inexpensive and bears a deal of the expense through the sales during the current operation. The simplicity is a decided asset, since there is none of the time or trouble needed for the expensive and tedious trap-nest method that studies the individual hen's or pullet's record. Of course, more time is required, but on the other hand, the eggs that are being laid are salable and the costs are reduced.

A man with other duties cannot keep running to the trap nests ever so often to keep the record straight, but it is necessary in following the system described. The only extra labor required is the separation of the pens and the keeping of the egg records.

FACTORS IN EGG-LAYING

There are just three important factors in getting eggs. These are good hens, proper surroundings and suitable feed.

With these axioms in mind, the man who wishes to obtain eggs for his family's use can have anxieties for all of them, and Friend Hen can put all the eggs she wants in her coxen and puddings even when the rate to those who must buy is from half a dollar to sixty cents a dozen. The nutritive value of eggs for the children is very high, but when the price is likewise the highest do not eat them as frequently as did their forebears who were noted for ruddy health.

A hen which is in the best laying condition must have some surplus fat in her body. This is an indication that her body and constitutional wants have been fairly supplied and that there is some food to spare. Therefore, she can do her work and yet have some surplus energy. A very fat hen, however, seldom lays well. A fat hen cannot lay well, for she has not the "steam."

Motor Driver Held in \$300 Bail

For causing injuries to Marion Spangler, five years old, 2512 Cumberland street, when his automobile struck her, George Harrison, 1523 North Twelfth street, was held in \$300 bail for a hearing February 24 before Magistrate Collins in the Nineteenth and Oxford streets police court. The girl is in the Samaritan Hospital, suffering from a fractured leg and other injuries.

MY S. C. REDS HAVE WON

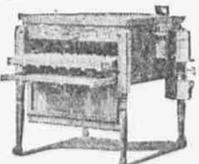
29 PRIZES

this season. I have a few pullets to sell at very reasonable prices to make room. Describe your wants fully and I will do my best to meet them. No birds shown or sold on Sunday.

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A. A. OUTERBRIDGE

Vice President of the Land Title and Trust Company Dies of Pneumonia

Albert A. Outerbridge, for many years a prominent member of the Philadelphia bar and a vice president of the Land Title and Trust Company, died yesterday at his home, 7048 Germantown Avenue, from pneumonia. Born in Bermuda seventy-five years ago, Mr. Outerbridge came to this city with his parents in 1847. His family settled in Germantown. He received his primary education in St. Mark's school. In 1865 he was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. During his college career he studied law in the office of William Henry Hoyle. After his matriculation young Outerbridge enlisted in a Pennsylvania regiment of artillery and fought in the Civil War until the latter part of 1863.

In 1874 he became editor-in-chief of the Weekly Notes and Cases, a legal journal. From 1881 to 1885 he was reporter of de-

Mrs. J. Heron Crossman

Mrs. J. Heron Crossman, a widely known member of many patriotic societies, died yesterday at her home, 93 Elm street, New Rochelle, N. Y. She was of old and distinguished Pennsylvania and Maryland ancestry.

In 1872 she married J. Heron Crossman, youngest son of the late Major General George Hampton Crossman, U. S. A., who resided until his death in 1883 at 2014 De Lancey place. J. Heron Crossman, Jr., of Haverford, is her oldest son, and two other sons, Louis Hall Crossman and Hall Mackay Crossman, both residing in Montgomery County, also survive her. Mrs. Crossman was a charter member of the Daughters of the American Revolution in New York city, was a vice president general of the National Society for four years and also served the society as chairman of the magazine committee for several years. She was the founder and first president of the National

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Bolivian Aviator Killed

BURNOS AIRES, Jan. 24.—Captain Alarcón, a Bolivian aviator, was killed while making a flight.

Will Improve Hotel at Pennsgrove

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 24.—The French Hotel Corporation, composed largely of officials of the Wilmington Steamboat Company, has just obtained possession of French's Hotel, at Pennsgrove, which it purchased a year ago. The place will be renovated and then reopened. No determination has been reached to ask for a liquor license.

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Advertisement for MURAD THE TURKISH CIGARETTE. Features a large illustration of a cigarette pack with the brand name 'MURAD' and 'S. ANARGYROS' visible. Text includes 'THE SUPREME TEST Judge for yourself—compare Murad with any 25 cent cigarette.' and 'MURAD THE TURKISH CIGARETTE'. A small illustration of a hand holding a cigarette is also present.

Advertisement for Klaxon. Features an illustration of a Klaxon horn. Text includes 'Klaxon \$3 You push it from BEHIND—the handy easy way to work a hand signal' and 'Gaul, Derr & Shearer Co. 217 N. Broad St.'